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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/25/06 has been entered.

Priority

2. A translation copy of foreign priority papers has been received and entered into the record. The previous rejection based on US patent 5,963,916 (Kaplan) has been overcome and withdrawn. However a new rejection based on newly found references is hereby established.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent #5,355,302 (Martin et al), in view of US patent #5,734,719 (Tsevdos et al).

Martin et al (hereinafter Martin) teach a musical jukebox which plays a complete song responsive to receipt of fee from a user. The jukebox system comprises a jukebox device 13 including a microprocessor 121A, a local computer memory 93 that maintain a database of digitized songs of various artists and related graphical items (5:10-20) corresponding to album covers (4:51-53) associated with each the digitized songs, a display 125 for displaying video, an audio arrangement 127 providing audio, a communication system 15 for enabling the musical jukebox to communicate with an audio and graphic distribution network (fig 1), and a multitasking operating system that enables simultaneous operation of the microprocessor, the display, the audio arrangement, and the communication system (5:26-59), wherein the musical jukebox is operable to play the digitized songs from the local memory in response to a user's request and receipt of fee from the user (5:51-55; 7:56-67), wherein the display screen 125 displays album covers (4:51-53; 5:49-51) and scroll buttons for scrolling the display (7:22-26). A server 11 remote from the jukebox device that can be accessed by the jukebox through the communication network (fig 1). The server maintains a master database 27 of song and graphics that can be selectively downloaded to the jukebox device (5:8-25). Martin fails to clearly teach a touch screen interface for enabling the user to select song from a touch displayed album cover. However in the same field of invention, Tsevdos teaches a musical kiosk comprising a touch screen interface enabling the user to select song from a touch displayed album cover (abstract, fig 16). It would have been obvious to one of skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine Tsevdos's teaching touch screen interface to Martin's jukebox. Motivation of

the combining is for the advantage of having a user-friendly touch screen interface (it has been established that musical kiosk and musical jukebox is in the same field of invention. Combining musical kiosk technology to jukebox system had been known. See US 5,949,411, Doerr et al, 1:36-41).

The registration process and checking of registration is inherently included in Martin's teaching of monitoring and updating of jukebox's musical collection (Martin's 3:4-17), and in Tsevdos's teaching of network management 122 (fig. 13, 22:39, 23:51-53), since updating, monitoring and network management can only perform on devices registered to the network. Even if it is not, registration of service device connected to a network is well known in networking (see US patent 5,805,804, 19:26-35; US patent 6,308,204, claim 1). Thus it would have been obvious to one of skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine the well-known implementation of device registration to Martin&Tsevdos. Motivation of the combining is for updating, monitoring, and polling information from the device as suggested by both Martin and Kaplan.

- As for claim 18: In light of the combining set forth in claim 14, it would have been obvious to assign a registration number to registered terminal for network security and business management.
- As for claim 19: The jukebox communicates exploitation information on each played digitized song to the server (Martin's 1:7-17; 6:3-19).

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5. Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martin and Tsevdos as applied to claim 14 above, and further in view of US patent 5,616,876 (Cluts).

- As for claim 15: The combine Martin&Tsevdos fails to teach that the user interface is operable, by activating a button, to display graphical items representing any additional album covers of the same artist as the selected album cover for which song exist on the local computer memory. However in the same field of musical selection, Cluts teaches a selection button for displaying graphical items representing any additional album covers of the same artist as the selected album cover for which song exist on the local computer memory (abstract, 16:25-39). Thus it would have been obvious to one of skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine the Cluts' teaching to Martin&Tsevdos. Motivation of the combining is for identifying other songs/album similar to the current viewing song/album as expressly suggested by Cluts (abstract).
- As for claim 16: In light of the combining, upon selection of a displayed additional album cover of the same artist, the user interface is operable to display the newly selected cover, a list of song on the local computer memory that exist on the album represented by the newly selected album cover of the same artist as the newly selected album cover for which song exist on the local computer memory (Cluts' figs 7-9).
- As for claim 17: Implementation of the UP/DOWN button for scrolling through the list of additional album cover would have been obvious to one of skill in the in light of the combining.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ba Huynh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4138. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on (571) 272-4847. The formal fax number is 571-273-8300.

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